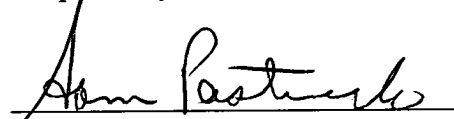


concept of allowing user control over the system's operation with respect to trading-off speed for noise reduction. Beginning at line 29, the specification discloses that the trade-off can be achieved using a graphical user interface and/or mechanical switches "through which end-user may alter operational parameters of a disk drive, including, but not limited to, the drive's seek time, noise level, and power consumption." See also page 10, line 25 through page 11, line 12 which discusses the inverse relationship between seek time and noise. It is requested that new claims 187-192 be entered and examined.

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